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1. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN POST OFFICE AND CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS ON TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES DURING PAST TEN DAYS ENDED IN DEADLOCK DECEMBER 17. FEARING ADVERSE PUBLIC OPINION AND MEMBERSHIP OPPOSITION, CUPW EXECUTIVE DECIDED NOT TO STRIKE DURING HOLIDAY SEASON, BUT MAINTAINED STRIKE OPTION IF AUTOMATION ISSUE NOT RESOLVED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

2. POSTMASTER GENERAL BLAIS STATED ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF EMPLOYEES WILL BE STOPPED FOR DURATION OF CURRENT AGREEMENT (EXPIRES JUNE 30, 1977); DEXTERITY TESTS WILL BE ABANDONED MAKING SENIORITY ONLY PROMOTION CRITERIA AND CERTAIN CASUALS WILL BE CONVERTED INTO PERMANENT EMPLOYEE; BUT ADMITTED AUTOMATION ISSUE INVOLVING PRIOR NOTICE AND CONSULTATION WITH CUPW REMAINS UNRESOLVED. CUPW PRESIDENT DAVIDUSON BRUSHED ASIDE UNION GAINS ON AFOREMENTIONED ISSUES AS MINOR CONCESSIONS AND WARNED THAT DIFFERENCES OVER TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES MUST BE RESOLVED IF UNION IS TO FOREGO STRIKE ACTION TO ENFORCE ITS INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACT.
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